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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

140-151, 153-156, 158-164, 167-173, 175-178, 180-192, 195-211. (canceled)

212. (new) A mobile display device, in particular for displaying text and image information, comprising:

a casing having a planar display unit with at least one planar display screen disposed on a first side of the casing;

at least one manipulation region for operation by a user, said manipulation region being provided at a border zone of the display unit in such a way that the user can perform operating actions with one or more fingers of one hand; and

at least one actuatable operating element that is arranged within the manipulation region on a second side of the casing that faces in a direction different than the first side, wherein actuation of the at least one operating element individually or in combination initiates at least one of leafing-through and scrolling functions to navigate document content displayed on the display screen or to provide functions for selection menus.

213. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the at least one actuatable operating element includes at least two actuatable operating elements, wherein the arrangement of the at least two actuatable operating elements within

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the manipulation region is such that the at least two actuatable operating elements can be actuated simultaneously with the fingers of one hand.

214. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the first side of the casing is a front side and the second side of the casing is one of a lateral side and a rear side.
215. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the at least one actuatable operating element includes abutting combination key elements.
216. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 215, wherein the at least one actuatable operating element includes three abutting combination key elements being arranged such that they are operable by index finger, middle finger and ring finger of a hand holding the mobile display device.
217. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the at least one actuatable operating element includes at least one of directional keys and function keys that can be actuated individually or in combination to provide different functions.
218. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the at least one actuatable operating element is configured such that actuation of an actuatable operating element alone or actuatable operating elements in combination causes the display screen to display a next page of a displayed document.

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219. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the at least one manipulation region is disposed such that the user can perform the operating actions without requiring a substantial movement of the carpus of a holding hand of the user relative to the casing.
220. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the at least one actuatable operating element includes at least one of a slide pad, a track ball and a multifunction key.
221. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein at least a portion of the display screen within the manipulation region includes a touch-sensitive touchscreen.
222. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 221, wherein at least a border zone of the display screen includes a touch-sensitive touchscreen, wherein at least one of a screen corner region and a region in the middle of the border zone is actuatable for initiating specific functions.
223. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 221, wherein actuation of at least one of the at least one actuatable operating element and the touch-sensitive touchscreen individually or in combination initiates leafing-through or scrolling functions for navigating content of a displayed document, provides functions for selection menus, or selects functions within provided selection menus.
224. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 223, wherein specific operating elements of the at least one actuatable operating element and/or specific touch-sensitive regions of the touch-sensitive touchscreen individually or in combination are allocated, in an initial state, to a specific first functionality,

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immediately after activating a providing function for a selection menu, in a selection state, to activate a selection function within the provided selection menu.

225. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 223, wherein the selection menus are displayed only in a border portion of the display screen without covering content of the displayed document.
226. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 212, wherein the display unit includes at least two parts.
227. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 226, wherein the display unit comprises at least two display screens.
228. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 226, wherein the casing includes a main part and at least one ancillary part, wherein the main part and the at least one ancillary part are arranged such that the casing can be opened and shut about a folding axis like a book, and wherein the main part and the at least one ancillary part form a spine element.
229. (new) The mobile display device according to claim 228, wherein the main part includes at least one display screen, the at least one ancillary part includes at least one display screen, and the display unit is arranged such that the main part and the at least one ancillary part are presented to a user like pages of a book when the casing is opened.